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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC, AID AND IMMIGRATION MATTERS ON

PM KIRK'S AGENDA FOR HIS ASIAN TRIP.

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1. SEPTTEL DEALS WITH MAIN ASPECTS PM KIRK'S FORTH-
COMING ASIAN TRIP.

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SECFONAFF CORNER TOLD ME DEC. 7 KIRK'S NON-POLITICAL TOPICS WHILE IN JAKARTA WOULD BE ON ECONOMIC AND AID MATTERS. NZ NOW RECEIVED, ACCORDING TO CORNER, .2 PERCENT OF ITS CRUDE FROM INDONESIA. INDONESIAN CRUDE CONTAINED TOO MUCH WAX FOR PROCESSING BY NZ REFINERIES. CORNER WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF AN ENERGY AGREEMENT WITH INDONESIA WHICH WOULD INITIALLY FOCUS ON GEOTHERMAL PERMITTING USE OF KIWI KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MATTER TO ASSIST INDONESIANS. FROM THERE HE HOPED THERE MIGHT BE PROGRESS TOWARD A JOINT VENTURE ON OIL EXPLORATION IN INDOENSIA. HE SAID NZ HAD EXPERTS IN EXPLORATION, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THEM WERE NOW WORKING FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES, SUCH AS SHELL. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW THEY COULD BE LURED BACK. HE FELT SINCE NZ HAD LARGE AMOUNTS OF OVERSEAS RESERVES IT COULD PROVIDE CAPITAL. PERHAPS LESS WAXY CRUDE MIGHT TURN UP. (COMMENT: THERE IS AT PRESENT VERY LITTLE LIQUIDITY IN NZ CAPITAL MARKET. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE AS DIFFICULT TO GET NZ MONEY AS IT WOULD BE LURE BACK NZ EXPERTS FOR SUCH A VENTURE. CLEARLY CORNER'S IDEA HAS NOT BEEN STAFFED OUT IN GNZ.)

2. SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA. CORNER DID NOT FORESEE IN-DEPTH POLITICAL TALKS BETWEEN KIRK AND THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THESE COUNTRIES. GNZ WAS REVIEWING ITS IMMIGRATION POLICY WITH VIEW TO ADMITTING ABOUT 100 FROM EACH ASEAN COUNTRY WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF NEW ZEALANDERS COULD EMIGRATE TO EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES. OBVIOUSLY, THERE WOULD NOT BE 100 NEW ZEALANDERS GOING TO EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES TO EMIGRATE, BUT GNZ WOULD LIKE TO ADMIT AT LEAST A SMALL NUMBER OF ASIANS SO THAT ITS IMMIGRATION POLICY WOULD NOT BE SO OBVIOUSLY LIMITED TO WHITE IMMIGRANTS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS A CLEAR DESIRE TO KEEP THE NUMBER SMALL UNTIL THE POLITICAL EFFECTS COULD BE WEIGHED IN NZ. IF SOME ASIANS WERE ACCEPTED THE NUMBER MIGHT EVENTAULLY BE INCREASED.

3. INDIAN AND BANGLADESH. CORNER HAD OPPOSED IDEA OF KIRK'S VISITING THESE COUNTRIES PREFERRING THAT HE

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CONCENTRATE ON SEA NATIONS. HOWEVER, KIRK FELT UNWILLING TO TURN DOWN INVITATIONS HE HAD RECEIVED. CORNER FELT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE COULDBE ACCOMPLISHED BY THESE VISITS. THEY CAN ALWAYS DISCUSS NZ AID.
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